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## The VE Operators' Association

In unity there is strength and, by the same token, in separation there is weakness. Analogously, in organization there is a measure of protection, but in individualism there is exposure to all the potentialities of restriction.

Perhaps, from an organization point of view, there is no more greatly separated body of individuals than Canadian hams—a fact which makes us exceedingly weak and extremely vulnerable.

An individual who recognizes his weakness, and acts accordingly, becomes a strength unto himself—a procedure which may, with like effect, be applied to groups. In the case of Canadian amateurs, a few discerning souls have recognized our weakness and have instituted steps to correct the position which we occupy, or as it might more aptly be expressed—the position we do not occupy.

A new organization has taken a foothold in our midst. After some months of cogitating, head rubbing and conferences the VE Operators' Association was born, and is now a real, live, enthusiastic order of Canadian amateur radio operators. A comparative infant, it is true, but a very lusty one.

It is the purpose and earnest endeavour of the new Association to bring to all amateur radio operators of the Dominion the unity and co-ordination which is so vitally necessary to our future well-being, and which is so woefully lacking to-day. In a word, to create the strength that will come from unity.

Reader, have you ever analyzed the true position of amateur radio in this country of ours? If not, we commend it to you as being a subject worthy of your deliberation. Give your thoughts

some latitude, and allow your imagination reasonable sway. Dwell for a time on the ramifications which suggest themselves to you, and after you have given our hobby the benefit of your study, we think you will agree with us that it is high time something was done about it.

Let us suppose, for a minute, that some appointed agency were to recommend a curtailment of the privileges we now enjoy by restricting hours of operation, or by bringing pressure to bear in an effort to influence the Government to adopt a policy of withdrawing certain frequencies from amateur use. What would be our position in such a contingency? Would we not be flying hither and yon like the proverbial lost sheep? Perhaps we would endeavour to have a petition signed—a process which, to say the least, would be a weak and ineffectual sally. Furthermore, it would consume much time, and would probably be of little material benefit when completed. It would be a case of the drowning man and the straw.

The line of action we would take in the interest of our self-preservation in such an emergency is a matter for speculation, but it can definitely be assumed that we would be in a state of some disorder and much chaos—all because of the fact that we are not organized. Our state of confusion would accentuate our lack of foresight, and would establish us as being political striplings.

That is hypothetical, but not impossible, and since it is within the realm of possibility, it is discreet to organize against the eventuality—which is, precisely, the object of the VE Operators' Association. It is the recognition of our

weakness, from which will come our strength.

The press recently carried a story on Canadian amateur radio, in the course of which it was stated that there are in the neighborhood of 4,500 Hams in our country. Now, each amateur station represents an expenditure of money, the extent of which is determined by choice, or by financial ability, so that, in the aggregate, we are hobbyists who have spent countless thousands of dollars in the pursuit of our pleasure. We shall continue to do so, consequently we should at all times be giving consideration to our present and future solidarity. It should be a matter of great moment to us to ensure that we have an organization which will be ever watchful of our rights, and which will constantly guard against the possibility of our investment being jeopardized. We should strenuously endeavour to band ourselves together to the end that we shall enjoy the respect of the public and officialdom alike. We shall never be in a position to dictate, nor do we wish to be, but we should, and must, have an Association which, as the mouthpiece of Canadian amateur radio, will be accorded that status by the Government, and respected as being co-operative but strong withal.

The prime movers of the VE Operators' Association are striving to build an organization such as is believed to have been anticipated by the American Radio Relay League when there was incorporated in its constitution, provision for the creation of a Canadian Association. By that constitutional provision, it may be assumed that the A.R.R.L. was of the opinion that, ultimately, it would be necessary to have a Canadian organization. We believe that day has arrived.

The VE Operators' Association, however, is not cutting adrift from the League, but on the contrary is affiliated with it. There are many things which amateurs of Canada have in common with our American cousins, and those interests will be well and adequately served by our affiliation. In national matters, however, we should be served by a Canadian Association. There does not seem to be room for a refutation of that statement. A few moments reflection

will make it abundantly clear and definitely apparent that it is imperatively necessary.

In the event that it should at some time be necessary to submit to the Government a brief on behalf of Canadian hams, and the duty were performed by the A.R.R.L., it is possible that the League would be regarded as an organization having an international radio point of view, amongst whose members are to be found, incidentally, a number of Canadians. Were the submission to be made by our own Association we would enjoy the distinction and advantage of being exclusively Canadian, representing Canadian citizens on Canadian matters before Canadian officials. That sounds sensible, doesn't it? We think so.

To be more concrete, if the Government should decide to increase our annual licence fee, would an organization of another country be the proper medium to present an argument on a strictly Canadian matter such as that? Or should an internal problem of that nature fall to the lot of Canadians to deal with? Unquestionably, it would be highly improper for an organization of another country to take any part in our fiscal affairs, and it is a foregone conclusion that they would not attempt to do so.

The problem, then, falls to us. Are we in a position to accept it? Have we been giving consideration to our own interests so that, at a moment's notice, an organization springs into action? The answer is an emphatic NO—a thousand times NO. The logical sequel to that admission is a Canadian Association.

In the interest of a thorough understanding, it is expedient to repeat that the members of the new Association have no fault to find with the A.R.R.L. On the contrary, it is conceded that the League has carved for itself a place in the history of amateur radio which will last as long as time itself. The VE Operators' Association is strong in its commendation of the untiring work and accomplishments of the League—that is one of the reasons for our affiliation—but the League is essentially American and, therefore, its scope is not sufficient within the boundaries of Canada in the

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### The Contest Rules

Dates: Starts—Thursday, April 14th, 6 p.m. local time. Ends—Monday, April 18th, midnight, local time.

Duration: 102 hours.

Frequency: Any or all amateur bands may be used.

Object: Each VE will work as many W stations as possible in as many United States A.R.R.L. sections (see list page 6, QST) as possible. Each W will work as many VE stations in as many VE sections as possible.

Scoring: The same log form as used for last year's contest will be used. Message preambles will be exchanged. Each preamble sent will count one point and each one received will count one point. It is not necessary for preambles to be exchanged BOTH ways before a contact may count, but one must be sent or received before credit is claimed. All preambles must be handled under approved A.R.R.L. procedure. Mark each new section as it is worked. The "check" portion of the preamble will be the RST report of the station worked. Sample preamble: Nr 1 VE3GT ck 579 Toronto, Ont. 6.02p Apr. 14. W stations multiply number of points by the number of VE sections worked and multiply the final score by nine, there being nine times as many U.S.A. sections. VE stations multiply the number of points by the number of U.S.A. A.R.R.L. sections worked.

### Power and Operator Handicap

Each station having less than 100 watts input to the final stage shall multiply the score by 1½. Where more than one operator normally operates a station the

total score of the station shall be accepted, provided a certificate is attached to the log giving the names and call signs of the operators making the score.

### Operator's Certificate

The following certificate is requested on each log submitted:

"I hereby state that in this contest I have not operated my transmitter outside any of the frequency bands specified on my station license, and also that the score and points set forth in the above summary are correct and true."

### Prizes

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### NOTICE

The Wireless Association of Ontario and the VE Operators' Association jointly extend an invitation to all amateurs—or hams-to-be—to attend a meeting in Room 21, Electrical Bldg., University of Toronto, on Tuesday, April 12th, at 8 p.m. sharp, when Mr. Byron Goodman, of the A.R.R.L., will be the guest speaker. It is not very often we are favoured by having a league official with us, so let us all be on hand.

Everybody Welcome!!

## An Idea Returns

In bringing XTAL to Canadian amateur radio operators, we do so with justifiable pride and pleasure.

The consummation of an idea, the attainment of an objective, invariably is a source of pleasant satisfaction. It is well that it is so, for were it otherwise there would be little to encourage the vigorous pursuit of an idea in its development from a state of incipience to actual realization.

That is the ideal — the truly genuine ham point of view. It is the spirit of service — something which hampdom the world over is every ready to offer the public. It is the amateur radio psychology which entirely disregards the mercenary aspect which all too frequently seems to be the motive behind the thought and energy given to the development of an idea.

Fortunately, not all humans use a monetary yardstick in determining the extent of application to be applied to giving physical proportions to a dream. Even in this extremely materialistic age, one does on occasion meet an individual who thinks in terms of benefit to others, and who is delightfully oblivious to considerations of financial gain which might accrue from the materialization of a vision.

When such people are encountered, it is well to linger and bask in the sunshine of their personalities. The time spent in such company will be productive of thrilling pleasure, and there is more than an even chance that we shall capture something of the spirit which they are sure to radiate. That is as it should be.

It was in just such thoughts of service that XTAL was conceived and first presented to Ontario and Quebec amateurs. That was three years ago, and was the result of a conclusion to the effect that amateurs of the Dominion were entitled to have—nay, required—an exclusively Canadian journal devoted to the field of amateur radio.

The idea intrigued those who conceived it. The more they considered it, the more apparent became the necessity of the magazine, so it was decided to proceed with formative plans. Much thought and an incredible amount of work was given to the enterprise. It soon became obvious that the production of a magazine was a task of no mean magnitude. Editorial matter had to be prepared, arrangements with the printer were necessary, adver-

tisers had to be contacted, and a whole myriad of other details required careful and ever close attention. Time, to XTAL founders, was something of which they did not have an abundance, and the constant arising of unforeseen details made serious demands on such time as was available.

Nevertheless, in spite of many difficulties, setbacks and occasional disappointments, XTAL became a fact. The enthusiasm with which it was acclaimed, the messages of congratulation and expression of wishes for the continued success of the journalistic infant were gratifying, and to XTAL producers seemed more than reasonable recompense for the laborious task of bringing the first issue off the press.

But even dynamic individuals have their limitations, and the creators of XTAL were no exception. They came face to face with a realization of the fact that to continue giving to their brain-child the attention to which it was entitled would be beyond their limits — that is, if they believed in the survival of the fittest, and had any concern for the state of their fitness. The cordial reception accorded XTAL, and the field it was endeavouring to serve, imposed rigid demands of quality which, to maintain and enhance, presented a difficulty of insurmountable dimensions. The amount of thought, energy and time given to the affairs of XTAL trespassed on similar qualities which properly belonged to the business of earning a living along entirely different lines.

The conclusion to suspend publication was not an easy one to make, but it was inevitable. It was a question of that or, in the alternative, giving up other business and devoting full time to XTAL. That course would be contrary to the original thought, and would introduce strict commercialism, and so it was dismissed without consideration. The originators being profitably engaged in other fields of endeavour, and not being able to discover on the amateur radio horizon any evidence of supporting influence willing to assume part of publication responsibility (which was of a physical nature, and never at any time financial) XTAL, with its future of promise, was allowed to lapse into silence.

Any idea, if allowed to germinate, and if toyed with sufficiently, will expand

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## "Rubber Crystals"

By VE3IJ\*

Undoubtedly all amateurs have heard, holder. We now have a holder that is no directly or indirectly, of these so-called different from any other type with the rubber crystals, and undoubtedly many amateurs have desired to have (the blessing or the curse, whichever you care to call it) the benefit of one of these variable frequency controls, that is such a great aid in defeating severe QRM.

To date, however, the average amateur has been more or less deterred in this desire through the comparatively prohibitive cost of this type of crystal as they are at present marketed. Ten dollars to the average amateur is quite a deterrent to his ambitions, and this is probably the reason that many more of these crystals are not being used. This article should, therefore, find favour with the majority of hams who have noble ambitions but sparse pocketbooks, and while the finished article may not appear as businesslike as the manufacturer can produce, the amateur can well be satisfied with it insofar as greater variations can be produced in frequency coverage.

For the benefit of the uninitiated, a rubber crystal is simply a common convex type of crystal, the frequency of which is varied through a fairly wide range by the means of an adjustable air-gap in the holder. The average manufacturer limits himself to the AT cut crystal for this purpose, thereby bringing up the initial cost of the unit; then they proceed to build an expensive type adjustable air-gap holder, which further increases the price of the article. A cheap Y cut crystal is similarly convex and lends itself ideally to this purpose. Furthermore, the adjustable air-gap in the holder is very simple, and can be easily built by any amateur with very little difficulty; it is surprisingly simple and need entail only a few minutes' work.

The easiest way this can be described is by taking one of the old square type of holder, where the banana plugs are brought out at the side. Simply take the top plate out of this holder and remove the present spring that exerts the pressure on it. Procure a piece of spring phosphor bronze sheet, slightly narrower than the width of the top plate and slightly longer, and solder it to the top of the top plate so that it will have sufficient phosphor spring projecting over one edge so that the one edge can normally rest on top of the bakelite side of the

exception that top plate slopes upward towards one side, and by exerting pressure on this plate, against the outward pressure of the phosphor bronze spring, we can make it act like a door in that it will swing in towards the crystal and farther out from it as the pressure is changed. It must be borne in mind that the opposite edge of the top plate must actually rest on the crystal, the variation in frequency being produced by pushing the opposite edge in and out from the crystal.

A small threaded screw through the bakelite cover of the holder, which will exert this pressure, is ideal, and the amateur now has a rubber crystal holder.

While the use of an AT cut crystal in this type holder is very nice, it defeats its own purpose insofar that due to the frequency being variable, any variation due to temperature, if undesired, can be taken care of in the adjustment, so that the common Y cut crystal becomes ideally suited to the purpose, the only limitation being that either the holder must be made to fit the size of the crystal exactly or else the crystal must be ground to a size suitable to fit the holder. If the crystal is at all smaller than the inside of the holder the top plate in this process of being adjusted will naturally short circuit on to the bottom plate.

Such a crystal adjusted has been actually found to give a variation of as much as, in some cases, 15 kc on the fundamental frequency, and found to oscillate very satisfactorily in between the limits of this variation.

In ordering a crystal for this purpose the amateur should order the lowest frequency at which he desires to operate, as this is the normal operating frequency of the crystal, and as the air gap is increased the frequency of the crystal is increased.

In conclusion, let me add a word to the wise, where wisdom is desired. A good number of cases of off-band operation are caused by amateur owners of rubber crystals who cannot withhold their desire to operate at just a little lower frequency than the other chap.

\*K. Blevins Labs.



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matter of purely national considerations. Our Government is not elected by the membership of the American Radio Relay League, but a Canadian Association will have voting Canadians as its members. Ponder that, reader.

By our affiliation, we concede the League to be the proper agency for international problems, and the representative of Canadian and American amateurs at world conferences. So completely is that the point of view of the VE Operators' Association that we urge every amateur to be a member of the American Radio Relay League.

Of the new Association, it can be said that plans are going forward to provide for the regular broadcast of bulletins giving, amongst other things, the doings of the Association. In addition to those broadcasts, provision is being made to have ample coverage on specified nights when you will have the opportunity of contacting certain stations from whom any point of information may be had. To express it succinctly, it is YOUR Association, and whether you live in Halifax, Toronto, Vancouver or any intermediate point, you will be able to get all the information you desire at least once each month.

Friends, Canadian amateur radio stands on the threshold of good days ahead, and of a swelling of our ranks. Undoubtedly, the VE Operators' Association will enhance the pleasure we shall receive from the operation of our stations, so get behind us and boost with all your might. You have never put your shoulder to a more worthy wheel.

Membership dues have been made nominal — one dollar annually — which includes a year's subscription to XTAL. Membership is within the reach of every amateur, and every ham needs the VE Operators' Association. So send along your membership to Mr. S. B. Trainer, Secretary-Treasurer of the VE Operators' Association, 106 Jarvis Street, Toronto (VE3GT). Also direct any inquiries to him and he will be more than delighted to give you a full reply. Letters

## AN IDEA RETURNS

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to the point where it far exceeds its original nucleus. That, precisely, is what happened to XTAL during the period it was conspicuous by its absence. The fathers of the magazine took stock of amateur radio conditions in Canada, and realized that hams are a pretty decent sector of humanity who have spent countless thousands of dollars in the pursuit of their hobby. Also, they were not unmindful of the cordial fraternalism exemplified by the eager and enthusiastic reception given to XTAL. That was food for thought.

The outcome is that XTAL comes to you again, but this time under a production plan which ensures its continuance. It has been adopted by the VE Operators' Association, but behind it—substantially so—is to be found the former management. The new Association, by virtue of its organization, has been able to allocate the many duties attendant upon XTAL publication in such a manner that there should be a mechanical precision in the preparation of the journal. No difficulties are anticipated and, therefore, XTAL looks forward to enjoying a very prominent place in your radio life.

Of the VE Operators' Association, details are given elsewhere in this issue, but suffice it to say at this time that both XTAL and the new Association were conceived in the spirit of service to Canadian amateur radio operators. Such financial gain—if any—accruing from the publication of XTAL will go directly to the treasury of the VE Operators' Association, and will be used for either the purposes of the magazine or of the Association.

It is our hope that we shall make of XTAL precisely what you would have it be. It is YOUR magazine—accept it as such. Take an interest in it, and send along your criticisms, suggestions, news items, or anything that you think would make it more interesting. We have endeavoured to anticipate your tastes. Perhaps we have missed the mark, but we shall never know if you do not tell us.

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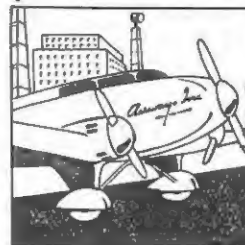
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## SASKATCHEWAN ACTIVITIES

### S.C.M.—VE4EL

Fellow Amateurs: This will, I think, be my last report as your S.C.M. I have received a promotion in the service and have been asked to transfer for duty to Winnipeg by April 1st. I want to thank all in the section for their co-operation during the last six years and hope that you will choose a good man to fill my position. Knowing personally, as I do,

more than 50% of the licensed amateurs in the Province, moving out of personal touch with them to another province means more than can be said in a few words. However, I hope to still keep in touch with them by radio. VE4LY keeps in touch with the gang daily at 1 p.m., looks for more skeds and gets fine reports from the VE5's. 4ACR reports air conditions bad. Traffic: VE4CM 41, ACR 12, EL 6.



## Station Activities

## QUEBEC SECTION

S.C.M.—VE2EE

Your SCM has to apologize for his inability to compile news for this column last month, this was due to pressure of business which took him away from the city. The CW-DX Tests are over and the Phone Tests are now on; judging from the number of the gang I hear being called, the competition is keen . . . those active include, EW, AA, FK, HP, HG, HY, CX, CP, BO, LV, ID and EE. The CW gang were well represented by EW, KS, AX, AA, HP, HG, CR, BV, DR and EE. Conditions have not been good and, consequently, I predict small scores; DR has increased his vocabulary in getting his rig down to ten meters; CR is experimenting with an inside beam; KM is now operating 14mc phone; HG pounded brass 15 consecutive hours during the Tests, and claims nine G's in one hour during the B.E.R.U. Tests; DN is on with increased power; OK is active on 3.5 mc; CV is visiting Quebec and Montreal hams; the Tri-Colour Net has a new outlet in Kingston, VE3AQY. Members of this Net desire to own their indebtedness to LO on the Canadian Trunk for his ever ready co-operation; JY visited HH2B during his holiday trip in Haiti; Quebec Radio Club held their annual dance on the 26th Feb.; Mrs HL is now a member of the Club. Your SCM wishes to thank JB and AC of Thetford Mines for their kindness during his stay in that location, also the Quebec gang for their great reception, merci mes amis. New hams in Quebec are HB, OF and OE; CA has been getting great DX on ten, worked VU2CQ with R7 both ways, phone, fb; GA worked a juicy one on 14mc, 17AA in Ethiopia; BN has been having trouble with his receiver; OB has also been tinkering around a superhet; LV has worked his first G on phone; AR has been heard on the air with a glorious y! voice at the mike; DM was in hospital after an accident with two railway cars, is up and around again; DQ has taken down that nice vertical, thinking of a beam; EU turns in a traffic total this month; GC is operating 14mc phone; HM has been heard again after a prolonged absence on the band; GK has been visiting Toronto; ID has rebuilt his whole rig, looks swell; FE becomes a benedict in the very near future, congrats Greg; VE2CP at McGill University is on the air again, the leading lights being KX, IN, JZ and Ollie. By Goodman WJPE from Headquarters

visited Montreal and was guest of the M.A.R.C.; IO has returned from the Land of the G's, Harry saw a great many hams while over there; xVE2CH is still in England and is getting the urge to pound brass again, asks to be remembered to all the gang, the name is Chadwick. For their voluntary co-operation, VE2HT the Asst. SCM extends his thanks to the members of the Quebec Radio Club and the Cercle des Amateurs Canadiens Francais de la T.S.F. I hear a PY calling CQ Test, see you next month. Traffic, HL 81, DR 108, KF 10, LC 121; KM 71, AG 22, HG 5, EU 8, EE 8, HT 109.

Best of Luck,  
STAN. COMACH.

## ONTARIO SECTION

S.C.M.—VE3SG

The Progressive Radio Club, just formed in Waterloo to serve Kitchener, Waterloo, Galt, Preston and district will fill a long-felt need. YQ's speech scrambler is working 100%. VC is having trouble with grid modulation. HX is at last getting out with HJ's half kw. ACN has parasites of the heart at present. EE is coming back with 10's on 75 fone. ALR is still worried about neutralizing his buffer and final. AIF is still thinking. ARH has been trying to tune rig with burnt-out pilot lights in his loop; new xtal was flipped around for a few days. Imagine his embarrassment. SM is bothering super-regenerative 7 mc police receiver. HM is on 3.85 mc fone. ABEK has new junior op and is trying to teach him code. IC has new rig with T20's. AQN has 2A5 osc. to a 59 plate modulated with a 58 on 1.76 mc. AAS is back on 1.75 mc with new power supply. ADE will trade a 45 TNT job for a "good" sweepstake ticket; he wants to buy a new rig. CY is still getting out with the sky-wire down. The Ontario traffic net has sixteen stations meeting six nights a week and covers Ottawa, MoulINETTE, Morrisburg, Toronto, St. Catharines, Welland, Smithville, Woodstock, London, Leamington, Kingsville and Windsor. Northern Ontario amateurs interested in the formation of a traffic net please get in touch with ALT at Kirkland Lake or BB at Sandy Falls. A Toronto station is now ready to act as relay between the two nets. CP is inactive this month while getting ready for Army Signals exam. SG has 809 final

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running at 55 watts in, but reports indicate that the old 46's put a stronger signal where needed on 80, yet 40 and 20 operation of the 809 is far in advance of the 46's; what can he do about it, run two separate finals? NM is building a new home, so will be to QRL for hamming for a while. AIK has new junior op. ADV is exVE4KF exG5UP for a total of 15 years. MB is having receiver trouble. NC is kept too busy to get on the air much. PE has just completed fone equipment.

AQC is new in Windsor. LG has new QTH. QK is rebuilding and collecting xtals for the new exciter. AND is on 1.75 mc fone with 3.5 watts input and says it is lots of fun. AOR reports for the Hamilton gang. PO has new location. DO has stepped out with a National 80X. GZ is on with new modulator and final. JU wants it understood that it was not the baby's bottle that he broke. WZ is selling out—why? OJ is on 56 and 3.85 mc fone. AEM is QRL University. XZ is working with 56 mc. DC is contemplating a new rig. KM worked NH mobile from Hobby Fair with no transmitting antenna. DO, NH, VZ, GZ, XZ, KM, AOR are thanked for their equipment for the Hobby Fair at Hamil-

ton Y.M.C.A. EF has new location. CD has been working Belgium on 3.5 mc with low power. UX has been working a few G's and EI's. ALH has added a 200 watt final to his rig. WW skis into Nestor Falls once a week for his mail—ye gods—and we kick if the mail man is ten minutes late getting around. OI is seriously contemplating a fone rig. ADV is dxing on 14 mc CW. KW is going back to 14 mc fone. ART is on 1.75 mc fone. AFR is busy with PP RK20's and a National 81X on 28 mc trying for elusive contacts to make W.A.C. AGG has a 203A final on 3.85 and 14 mc fone. AGM is out of town all week, so he is only able to get on at week ends. VN is rebuilding. ALU with PP T20's and an FB7 is trying hard for W.A.S. AJY is newcomer in Kirkland Lake. ALT with 47-6L6-PP T20's on 7.0 mc has 38 States, 7 Provinces and the Yukon to his credit.

Among the many splendid letters this month was one from ABW, who is now second op on the SS Cavina running between Bristol, England, and Kingston, Jamaica. GT worked 20 countries in one week-end of the DX Contest through "W" QRM, using less than 50 watts.

As this section news will be read by



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#### B.C. SECTION S.C.M., VE5HP

This will announce the appointment of VE5BY as OBS and VE5OT as PAM. As this is being written the DX tests are in full swing and rumors of big doings prevail. EF, ACN, OT, BI are reported to be knocking them over in rows. NG at last got off the continent, thanks to a K6. KO surprised a KA1 who must have thought he was a W, 'cause he worked him. AC is back on the air; someone musta shown him his 242A was a dud at last. VE9AJ is back with a 100TH; may it be more virile than the RK20 whose shoes it fills. AG also has a 100TH, and him a married man too! EU moves to Oliver to work for TCA. EP skeds SW, linking Trunk Lines "I" and "F". SW, UK, and PW are good outlet for eastern traffic. PO loses antenna in recent breeze. AAA boasts of a new ACR-155; OP also has new receiver, as does DV; HR is now the new QSL manager for this section, replacing EC, who deserves a lot of thanks for the hard work he put in trying to get the boys to take the cards other fellas had sent them. BL is all burned up about the changes in the phone bands; MJ handles emergency traffic for stranded aviators, and MK and ABN relay hospital reports to isolated islands. JL, now at Ceepeecee, threatens to come on 75 meter phone soon. DR moves to Youbou and plans to join the Island Net. FW holds to his reputation for busting up the rig just before contests. HP builds rig for BR and is shining up the 250THs for the W/VE contest. CU reports from the far north; let's hear from more of the northern boys. We again remind those interested in emergency work to get in touch with AS, Emergency Coordinator for this Section.

#### ALBERTA SECTION S.C.M., VE4GE

It is with the deepest regret that we note the passing of J. J. Crawford, son of VE4KZ. Johnny never had an amateur license, but he was one of Calgary's

best hams, always ready to do more than his share in ham activities.

ADW QRL parasitics. XF thinking of rebuilding. AKK just getting over chicken pox. FR has new rig perking. ADD finally works WAC by spearing a YV. AH admits he tried ten meter fone one day. EA sells receiver and wonders whether to build or buy. BW makes fb modulation, over-modulation with his modulation meter. No peace for 75 meter fones now. AEN threatening to instal doubler stage. HJ down on 20 meters. ZP transferred back to Edmonton again. AH going to put up rhombic for South America. LQ getting fb reports from G's and GM's on 20 meter fone. HB improves quality. SW heard again on 75 meter fone. DR QRL temporarily while moving to new QTH at Cardston. NS can't get grid modulation to work so well. ZW sporting brand new junior op. CFGP bought KK's antenna tuner, so Hubert can't get on 160 now. UY QRL work at CFGP. IN continues crusade for 210's, ably supported by AEV. ACF will join Alta. net as Q.R.S. TF talking about rebuilding relay rack style. XA gets out nicely on 20 meter fone. JP skeds his YL through LQ. GY returns to air with rig using T20's. HM pleased with new NC80X receiver. AES visited the Edmonton gang and was heard from various stations. VJ's sickness hampers his duties as editor of N.A.R.C. news. TC is another fone hound on 75 meters. LQ worked all VE districts in one evening, VE1 on 20, rest on 75. AHQ on 160 fone. AEA still interested in five meter work. Did GD get that elusive 50th country, the Edmonton gang want to know. Rumor has it that LX is returning from W-land bitten deeply by the California kilowatt bug. AEV turns Shakespeare. Who is "Professor Heth-whistle Q. Fringehowl?" VE4EO will be back on air right away now from new QRA. AFT rebuilding. SL heard razzing RV about not being able to copy his code signals.

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shack,

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crime,

And a "QRS" plea you abhor,  
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And when he comes out with that "Pse QSL,"  
Believe me, the pleasure's all mine.

If you would enjoy this old radio game,  
Just pause and hark back o'er the years  
When if you hooked a "seven" you thought you'd  
done fine,

And to lose him just almost brought tears.

You've got to think back to your lid days again  
And remember that this is quite true,  
You must do unto others in this amateur world  
As you'd have them do you.

—D. R. Sheehan, VE2DG

That fine spirit which inspired the above  
verse has passed on. "Doc," suffered  
a fatal heart seizure on Feb. 7. He was  
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Would you like one? If so, may we  
have your suggestions? How would it  
be to hold one once a month for six  
months, trying out one band at a time?  
It might afford some chance for DX  
records to be broken over land on 56 mc;  
28 mc has its points at times; 14 mc  
should be dandy for us to meet some of  
our distant VE's, and if we get a break  
on conditions we can do things on the  
three other bands. What are your sug-  
gestions? Can we not get more ac-  
quainted with our fellow VE's at a dis-  
tance?

The scores are as follows—

VE3OI	324	VE3GT	81
VE3IR	306	VE5PW	33
VE5QA	255	VE3AAG	30
VE4SH	246	VE3PE	22
VE5FG	153	VE2HI	21
VE5PT	116	VE4KJ	11
VE3RN	104	VE3NM	10
VE5QP	99	VE4ADW	5
VE5UI	95	VE3ZE	5
VE5UK	86	VE5RI	3
VE5PO	85	VE3SG	2

—VE3GT

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